

## JERSEY DIVORCE SUIT INVOLVES SCHOOL OFFICERS

Supt. Demarest Names E. W. Oliver, Hoboken Principal, in Case.

HE WILL FIGHT BACK.

Husband's Unexpected Visit Home Said to Have Brought Crisis.

Disclosure of a nature so startling that more than one person prominent in the social structure of New Jersey will feel its effect are expected to-day following the filing of a suit for absolute divorce by Abraham T. Demarest, well-known author and Superintendent of the Hoboken, N. J., schools, in which he names Edwin W. Oliver, one of the school principals.

Seen at Public School No. 9, where he has been in charge for a number of years, Mr. Oliver declared to-day that the proceedings started by his superior will not be one-sided when they come to the hearing. "I am going to fight back," he added, "and I intend to show that two can play the game he has started."

Mrs. Fanny Taylor Demarest, reputed to be worth more than \$100,000, has long been prominent in social and church circles in New Jersey. She is the daughter of the late Samuel Taylor, for fifteen years County Clerk of Bergen County and a Democratic leader.

According to Lucius Lichtenstein, counsel for Mr. Demarest, the domestic affairs of his client have not been of the best for over three years. Mr. Oliver, the co-respondent, he declared, has long been a friend of the family, having been brought to the Hoboken schools by Mr. Demarest. He had been a constant caller at the Demarest home, No. 1017 Blomfield Street, Hoboken.

Last July Mr. Demarest was granted leave of absence by the School Board, his health having been seriously impaired. It is desired worry attending his domestic affairs caused a nervous collapse.

Despite the fact he was supposed to remain away from his office until Dec. 20, Mr. Demarest suddenly appeared there on Dec. 5. On the same day he removed his belongings to a rooming house at No. 716 Hudson Street, Hoboken, leaving the Blomfield Street house in the possession of his wife. Shortly afterward his son, Stanley Taylor Demarest, who is twenty-four years old, was married and Mr. Demarest went to live with him.

Although Mr. Demarest denies it, it is declared that the crisis in his domestic affairs was caused by his sudden return to Hoboken. It is also declared that detectives were in his employ during his absence.

In the bill of particulars Mr. Demarest names three counts of alleged misconduct. According to the laws of New Jersey any of these, if proved, are sufficient grounds for a divorce. The Hoboken address of the Demarests and another at Lake Hopatcong, which they occupied during the summer months are named as scenes of the alleged misconduct.

The Demarests were married on Nov. 29, 1884, in Astoria, Methuen, Rev. M. S. McCowan, "Demarest's Classics of the Gospels" is the literary work that won him fame. On Monday next the School Board of Hoboken will meet. According to James P. Lavery, President of the Board, action of some kind may be taken. This is expected to be the suspension of Mr. Oliver.

**Sarah's Chief Officer Arrested.** James Monroe, thirty-five years old, chief officer of the steamship E. R. Moore at the East River and Catharine Slip, was arrested aboard the steamer this morning by Custom Inspector Walter Murphy and locked up in the Greenwich Street Station charged with smuggling opium.

## "I WONDER"



## FORD MISSING WHEN HIS PARTY STARTS ON TOUR

Doctor Orders Him to Break Away and He Vanishes—Whereabouts Not Known.

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 23.—Henry Ford was missing when the Ford peace party left for Stockholm to-day to recruit delegates for the neutral peace conference.

Ford and Dean Marquis of Detroit, one of his closest friends, disappeared a few hours before time for departure and their whereabouts were unknown. The peace leader's physician said that it was necessary that he detach himself from the party to obtain some rest. Whether Ford has preceded the party to Stockholm or intends to follow immediately could not be learned.

It is not known when he will be able to participate actively in the affairs of the peace enterprise, it was stated.

The Norwegian peace delegates did not accompany the party on its trip to Stockholm to-day. Ford's secretary, Louis P. Lechner, said they objected to a separate announcement of their names. It was therefore decided to publish no lists of neutral peace delegates until delegations have been obtained from all the European neutrals.

S. S. McClure, the New York editor, who headed the insurgents aboard the Oscar II, will leave the peace party, it was announced to-day. Accompanied by Gov. Hanna of North Dakota, he will make a tour of belligerent countries.

One of the highest Norwegian officials, a member of the Cabinet, told American correspondents that the time is not ripe for peace efforts and that any sort of a conference, official or unofficial, may work harm at this time.

He asserted that Mme. Schweitzer, who proposed the peace cruise to Ford, visited him twice last spring, but that he told her on both occasions that the peace movement was useless then. He gave her neither letters nor assurances that she would have Norway's support, the Cabinet officer said.

Even should President Wilson ask Norway to join in peace proposals, no steps would be taken until after a conference with Denmark and Sweden, the official declared, and the three countries having agreed to act as a unit in any peace mission.

## TRACING THE CASH PAID FOR SIMMEN CONTROL PATENT

P. S. Inquisitors Still Wondering Where \$27,000 Went.

The Thompson Investigating Committee got a new light to-day on the Simmen patent speed control and automatic stop. That is the device that was used to throw the Brooklyn Fourth Avenue subway contract into the hands of the General Railway Signal Company after the Federal Signal Company had made the lowest bid. The Public Service Commission ordered a rehearing when the Federal order was being congratulated on their success, late in 1914, and gave the contract to the General Company because they owned the Simmen device.

Although experts swear that the Simmen apparatus is worth little or nothing, the General Company bought it for \$50,000 plus a royalty of \$10,000 a year at the very time that the Public Service Commission was discovering its alleged excellence. An examination of the books of P. J. Simmen, late owner of the patent, throws very little light on how that money was divided.

Perley Morse, expert accountant for the Thompson Committee, has filed with the committee a report of his scrutiny of the books of the General Railway Signal Company. In it he says:

"The expense account of W. W. Coleman, who, we understand, is a New York salesman, included in the July, 1914, cash report of M. R. Briney, New York agent, contains the following items: 'May 30—Entertainment Mr. J. M. Waldron, Sig. Engr. I. R. T. and family at luncheon, dinner and auto ride for the day. Meals, etc., \$19.75; auto, \$10.'"

"In a later cash report we found the following receipt: 'New York, Sept. 30, 1914—Received from the General Railway Signal Co., \$500 as retaining fee. (Signed) J. M. Waldron.'"

"This item was first charged to 'General Sales—Sundries.' On Dec. 31, 1914, it was transferred by Journal entry to 'Speed control—Engineering Salaries.'"

The payment of \$500 to J. M. Waldron, Signal Engineer to the Interborough Rapid Transit Co., was made three weeks after the General Railway Signal Company bought the speed control—still unused to-day—from P. J. Simmen, head of the Simmen Automatic Railway Signal Co. This company, according to the accountants' report, has never manufactured or sold anything but shares of its stock and the Simmen patent.

William C. Banks testified that when he told Public Service Commissioner Robert C. Wood that "it's a rotten trick to take the Fourth Avenue contract from the Federal Company when they're the lowest bidder," Mr. Wood "threw up his hands and said: 'I can't help it. The B. R. T. wants the Simmen patent, and I've got to do it.'"

Perley Morse's report on the books of the Simmen Company at Buffalo shows that P. J. Simmen received \$20,000 from the General Railway Signal Company on Dec. 8, 1914; \$10,000 on Sept. 15, 1915, and \$5,000 on Dec. 8, 1915. He now has \$19,000 in bank, but the remaining \$27,000 has evaporated and the experts cannot tell how.

"We are going to the bottom of this Brooklyn-Fourth Avenue contract business before we stop," said Senator Thompson to-day before going home for Christmas. "and we expect to find out exactly how the mysterious Simmen patent was used and just where all the money mixed up with it was applied. The Simmen speed control is no speed control at all; but the patent was powerful enough to change a \$1,500,000 contract, and we propose to find out how." The Thompson Committee will resume public hearings next Tuesday.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head. TIVE BROMO QUININE can be taken by any one without causing nervousness, 1915. There is only one Bromo Quinine. E. J. BROWN'S signature on box. 25c. Adm.

## ROOT NOT A CANDIDATE, KEEPS OUT OF PRIMARY

Writes Friend Asking That His Name Be Excluded for Presidential Ballot in Minnesota.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 23.—Elliott Root of New York, former Secretary of State, has written to Charles B. Elliott here declining to have his name appear on the Republican Presidential primary ballot in Minnesota. Elliott is a former member of the Philippine Commission and a close friend of the New York statesman.

"I am not a candidate for the nomination in any sense," said that portion of Root's letter made public. "I am not willing to have my name used as a candidate. I do not wish my name to be put on the ballot as a candidate, and if it is put there, I shall be compelled to decline and insist upon it being withdrawn."

A. A. D. Rubin, personal friend of Col. Roosevelt, stated to-day that the name of the former President would probably appear on the Minnesota primary ballot. He said a strong movement to that end had been started.

## WOMEN TO HAVE CLUB IN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Board of Estimate Approves of Separate Place for Luncheon and Rest.

The city to-day committed itself to City Chamberlain Henry Bruere's project of establishing a women's luncheon and rest room on the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth floors of the Municipal Building. This action was decided by the Board of Estimate, Borough Presidents Parks of Manhattan, Mathewson of the Bronx and Van Name of Richmond voting in the negative.

President Parks opposed the plan on the ground it was discriminatory. He stated that the facilities are being provided for a club of 250 female city employees, while there are more than 500 such women employed in the building.

The Bureau of Contracts recommended plans calling for \$25,729 for interior finish, making a total of \$7,344 for the restaurant project. The money will come out of a fund set aside for constructing and equipping Municipal Buildings.

President Mathewson's objection was based upon the assertion that to spend money for napkins, curtains and other trivial accessories was in violation of the spirit and the letter of the law under which the money was originally voted.

## JAMES H. HYDE SENDS XMAS FEAST TO FRONT

Provides Turkey for 100 Volunteer American Ambulance Drivers—Rhodes Scholars at Work.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—One hundred volunteer American ambulance drivers are having this week their first Christmas at the front. The Americans have no longer leaves than the French, and no special holidays furnishings have been granted.

Turkey, cranberry sauce and plum pudding for each of the drivers, provided by James H. Hyde, was sent to the front to-day in military transports.

Thirteen Rhodes scholars from Oxford University have arrived to replace Americans who are leaving, their terms having expired. The new men are: F. S. Bryant of Nevada, C. A. Castle of Kansas, F. H. Gallor of Memphis, Tenn.; J. Liles Glenn of South Carolina; Robert Gooch of Charlottesville, Va.; E. B. Jackson of Colorado; T. P. Lockwood of St. Louis; R. Lytle of Baltimore, Md.; D. T. Nelson of North Dakota; S. H. Paradise of New Haven, Conn.; W. Prickett of Wilmington, Del.; William Sullivan of Providence, R. I.; and E. H. Warren of South Dakota.

After a year of ambulance work, J. McConnel of North Carolina and N. C. Baisley of San Antonio, Tex., have joined the Franco-American aviation corps. Mr. McConnel has been decorated with the War Cross.

## TELLS HOW BRITISH SEIZED U. S. MAIL

Capt. Jan Baron of the Holland-American Line steamer Rotterdam, which arrived here to-day from Holland, said that so far as he was concerned the United States Government would not be asked to take action on the seizure of mail bound for the United States on his ship by British officers at Falmouth.

"I made a report of the seizure to the Dutch Consul at Falmouth," he said, "and I do not know what steps the Dutch Government will take in the matter. It was the usual thing for the officers to board the ship at Falmouth. No force was used in seizing the mail bags."

"The boarding officers requested certain mail—ten bags from Sofia, eighteen from Constantinople and eleven from Berlin. They seemed to have specific information which led them to ask for this mail. There were a number of bags from Cologne, Germany, but these were not taken. I gave up the mail, but lodged a protest with the Dutch Consul."

The aviators explained that military regulations as well as modesty forbade giving out details of their military exploits.

## NO ROCKEFELLER PLEA IN NEW HAVEN CASE

Will Rest His Chance on General Plea for Dismissal of the Suit.

No argument for the dismissal of the indictment against William Rockefeller individually will be made by his counsel at his trial with ten other former directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad on the charge of conspiring to monopolize commerce. This became known to-day when Judge Huntington inquired, while hearing individual argument for other defendants, how many more there were. Counsel for two respondents brought the total number to be heard to ten. Counsel for Mr. Rockefeller will rest his chances on the general plea for the dismissal of the entire case.

Mr. Rockefeller is the only one of the defendants whose tenure of office as a director has extended throughout the entire twenty-five-year period of the alleged conspiracy.

French machines alone are used in the French army, the American machines going to the English. The percentage of casualties among airplanes is about 47, killed and lost, Cowdrin said.

## AMERICAN HEROES OF AIR BATTLES IN FRANCE ARE HOME

Thaw, Cowdrin and Prince, Who Faced Death Often, All Have Bravery Medals.

Three young Americans, trained to the whipcord leanness of athletes, who have been twice decorated for their exploits as aviators with the French army, returned to this country to-day on the Holland-American Line steamship Rotterdam. They were Elliott Cowdrin and William Thaw of this city and Norman Prince of Boston, and they have come home for just eight days' leave from the front "somewhere in France."

They went to France at the beginning of the war and joined the Foreign Legion, transferring later to the Flying Corps. Cowdrin and Prince went over last May and were taken into the ranks of the military birds. Each has received the Military Medal and the War Medal, the latter being the French equivalent of the Iron Cross of Germany.

They fought their way to the bedroom, but Mrs. Callan was not there. Although the house was by this time all ablaze, Mr. Callan and his friends bunted through the halls and bedrooms, shouting and calling, until falling plaster and timbers drove them to seek safety. When the blaze burned itself out three hours later Mrs. Callan's body was found on the second floor at the top of the back stairs, where she had groped in a futile effort to find her way out.

## WOMAN, 80, DIES WHILE SON FIGHTS FIRE TO SAVE HER

John S. Callan Reached Mother's Room, but Aged Woman Was Gone.

Losing her way in a smoke-filled hall, eighty-year-old Mrs. Mary Callan was burned to death early to-day in a fire which destroyed the handsome residence of her son John S. Callan at Arlington, N. J.

The Callan home was at No. 550 Belgrave Drive in one of the choicest sections of Arlington. The fire spread so quickly that it was only with the greatest difficulty Mr. and Mrs. Callan, half dressed, managed to get out with their three boys, John Jr., ten; Harold, twelve, and Arthur, fifteen years old.

Mr. Callan, remembering that no one had aroused his mother, whose room was on the second floor, went back into the house with two friends, George Wingate and John Currier. They fought their way to the bedroom, but Mrs. Callan was not there.

The police report the loss by fire or theft of a quantity of valuable jewelry from Mrs. Callan's bedroom. Mr. Callan is a New York business man and formerly a vestryman of Trinity Episcopal Church, the fashionable parish of the town. The fire is supposed to have started in a defective flue.

Judge A. J. Seay Dead. LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 23.—Judge A. J. Seay, former Territorial Governor of Oklahoma, died at his home last night. He was eighty-three years old. Judge Seay was appointed Territorial Governor of Oklahoma in 1892 and served two years. During the preceding two years he was territorial Judge of the Territory of Oklahoma.

## C. F. MURPHY'S NEPHEW DEAD

Son of Late John J. Murphy Was Student at Fordham.

William John Murphy, a son of the late John J. Murphy and a nephew of Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, died to-day at the home of another uncle, Capt. Patrick Gray of the Police Department, No. 309 East Seventeenth Street. He was twenty years old.

William Murphy was a student at Fordham University. He had been suffering since last July from an intestinal complaint. Capt. Gray married a sister of John J. and Charles F. Murphy. John J. Murphy's wife died when her three children were small and Mrs. Gray reared them.



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